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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUPPORT MISSION IN HAITI

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 141 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/52/845.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 66th, 68th and resumed 68th meetings, on 21 and 29 May and 26 June 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.66, 68 and 68/Add.1).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (A/52/512, A/52/798, A/52/854 and A/52/869) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/905).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/52/L.50

4. At the 68th meeting, on 29 May, the representative of Côte d'Ivoire and coordinator of the informal consultations on item 141, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/52/L.50) and orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 8, the words "operational and substantive requirements of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti" were replaced by the words "requirements of the Mission";

(b) In operative paragraph 15, the words, in square brackets, "and the amount of _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi" were deleted after the words "support account for peacekeeping operations".

5. At its 68th meeting, on 29 May and 26 June, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.50, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, and 1086 (1996) of 5 December 1996, by which the Council extended its mandate until 31 July 1997,

Also bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period,

Further bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti until 30 November 1998,

Recalling its resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti and its subsequent decisions and resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/15 B of 13 June 1997,

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[1] A/52/512, A/52/798, A/52/854 and A/52/869.

[2] A/52/905.

Reaffirming that the costs of the Support Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Support Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Missions by certain Governments,

Noting that the assessed contributions to the Special Account for the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti will cover only direct and indirect costs associated with the six hundred contingent personnel and the three hundred civilian police authorized by the Security Council in its resolution 1063 (1996), the five hundred contingent personnel and the three hundred civilian police authorized by the Council in its resolution 1086 (1996) and the fifty military personnel and the three hundred civilian police authorized by the Council in its resolution 1141 (1997),

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti as at 15 May 1998, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 7.5 million United States dollars, representing 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 15 March 1998, notes that some 34 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Missions in full and on time;

5. Takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

6. Decides to examine the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for 5 per cent across-the-board reductions of the budget proposals of the Secretary-General in the light of the next series of relevant financial performance reports;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Missions are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

9. Decides to continue to use the Special Account for the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/15 A, for the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti beginning on 1 August 1997 and for the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti beginning on 1 December 1997;

10. Decides also to appropriate the amount of 13,227,900 dollars gross (12,602,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of 15,091,000 dollars gross (14,478,400 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/15 B and inclusive of the amount of 9,237,300 dollars gross (8,805,800 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

11. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 15,091,000 dollars gross (14,478,400 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/15 B, to apportion the additional amount of 13,227,900 dollars gross (12,602,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A, B and C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B and 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1997 and 1998, as set out in its resolutions 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, respectively;

12. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 625,400 dollars approved for the Missions for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. Decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Support Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 9,117,000 dollars gross (8,279,700 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1997;

14. Decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their obligations to the Support Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 9,117,000 dollars gross (8,279,700 dollars net) for the period ending 30 June 1997 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

15. Decides to appropriate the amount of 17,704,685 dollars gross (16,959,085 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of the amount of 894,085 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A;

16. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 745,600 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session an item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti".